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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H15252.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H15273–74, H15274 and H15274–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN: STATUS OF U.S. STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Security and Stability in Afghanistan: Status of U.S. Strategy and Operations and the Way Ahead. Testimony was heard from the 4 following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; Adm Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Ambassador Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary, Policy; and LTG John F. Sattler, USMC, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

REVIEW CENSUS BUREAU'S RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR IT ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on A Review of the Census Bureau's Risk Management Activities for IT Acquisitions. Testimony was heard from Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the GAO: David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; and Matthew Scire, Director, Strategic Issues; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1585, the Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conferees on H.R. 3093 are hereby discharged and that the conference and its accompanying papers are hereby tabled. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representative Saxton.

AMT RELIEF ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4351, the AMT Relief Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rangel and Representative Neal of Massachusetts.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4299, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 4299, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on North Korea, focusing on the six-party talks, 11 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public

Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and any pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine S. 1782, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine a recently released Government Accountability Office report, focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine reverse mortgages, focusing on polishing not tarnishing the golden years, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following: the CFTU Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.J. Res. 15, Recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy; H.R. 1374, To amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3454, To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the George Washington National Forest in Alleghany County, Virginia, that contains the cemetery of the Central Advent Christian Church and an adjoining tract of land located between the cemetery and road boundaries, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure 2005 decisions, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Energy Speculation: Is Greater Regulation Necessary to Stop Price Manipulation?" 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Financial Consumer Hotline Act of 2007: Providing Consumers with Easy Access to the Appropriate Banking Regulator," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Connecting the Money to the Mission: The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing

on the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3609, Emergency Home Ownership and Mortgage Equity Protection Act of 2007; and H.R. 3753, Federal Judicial Salary Restoration Act of 2007, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on New Fees for Filming and Photography on Public Lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 4220, Federal Food Donation Act of 2007; H.R. 3468, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office;" H.R. 3720, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas as the "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building;" H.R. 3721, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building;" H.R. 3803, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 3911, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Church Street in Jessup, Pennsylvania, as the "Lance Corporal Dennis James Veater Post Office;" H.R. 3988, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building;" H.R. 4210, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building;" H.R. 4211, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the "Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office;" H.R. 4240, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building;" H.R. 4342, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 824 Manatee Avenue in West Bradenton, Florida, as the "Dan Miller Post Office Building;" S. 2110, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office;" S. 2174, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 198, Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States has a moral responsibility to meet the needs of those persons, groups and communities that are impoverished, disadvantaged or otherwise in poverty; H. Con. Res. 254, Recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood; and H. Res. 816, Congratulating the Colorado Rockies on winning the National League Championship and playing in the World Series, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Assessing the Environmental Risks of the Water Bottling Industry's Extraction of Groundwater, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404: New Evidence on the Cost for Small Companies," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the New DHS

Headquarters at St. Elizabeths: Local Business Opportunities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on Stopping Suicides: Mental Health Challenges Within the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing on Outpatient Waiting Times, 2 p.m., 345 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on CIA Tapes, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.